Mountain Weather Forecast

Northwest Highlands

Including Sutherland, Ben Wyvis, Wester Ross, The Cuillin, Glen Affric, Glen Shiel and Knoydart
Forecast valid from 06:00 on Sunday 04 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Monday 05 Apr 2021

Forecast Issued on Sunday 04 Apr 2021 at 03:39 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for the marked transition to much colder conditions from later Sunday. Lower for forecast details from Wednesday.

Headline for Sunday 04 Apr 2021: Widespread gales, extensive low cloud and heavy snowfall later. Becoming bitterly cold.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 04 Apr 2021

Blizzards
Medium Likelihood

Heavy Snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
Medium Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Light rain	Light rain	Sleet	Light rain	Heavy snow	Heavy snow showers (night)
Precipitation probability					
30%	50%	70%	60%	90%	90%

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Weather:. Bands of rain (sleet and snow above around 800m) will spread southwards through the day, turning heavier through afternoon and bringing blizzard conditions on towards munro level. Temperatures falling markedly through evening along with snow showers, these falling to all levels.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 10-20%.

Visibility: Areas of cloud above 400-600m largely extensive although a few breaks are possible between rain bands and through morning across eastern ranges. Below this, rain will turn lower slopes hazy at times and down to a few kilometres in heavier bursts. Snowfall bringing blizzard conditions to higher ground all day and increasingly to low levels through evening.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	37/44 SW	39/52 SW	43/57 W	43/59 W	37/51 NW	38/52 N	39/54 NW
900	36/44 SW	37/49 SW	41/55 W	41/58 W	36/50 NW	37/51 N	38/53 NW
600	26/33 SW	29/41 SW	31/45 W	31/47 W	26/40 NW	27/42 N	28/43 NW
300	4/32 SW	9/38 SW	12/43 W	14/48 W	15/42 NW	15/43 N	15/43 NW
Glen	4/15 SW	15/30 SW	19/36 W	21/40 W	19/36 NW	22/41 N	20/40 NW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1000	-2/-11	-0/-9	0/-8	0/-9	-4/-14	-8/-20	-10/-23
900	-1/-10	1/-8	1/-7	1/-8	-3/-12	-7/-18	-10/-22
600	1/-6	3/-4	4/-3	3/-4	-1/-8	-5/-14	-7/-17
300	2/0	4/0	6/2	5/1	2/-4	-2/-9	-5/-11
Glen	4/2	6/2	8/4	8/4	5/-0	1/-6	-1/-8
Freezing Level*	800m	900m	1100m	1000m	400m	00m	00m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View
Note freezing level will fall sharply through evening allowing snow to fall to all levels. Winds may be closer to 80mph across highest/most exposed ground through afternoon.

Forecast for Monday 05 Apr 2021
Weather: A northerly airflow will maintain bitterly cold conditions with frequent snow showers and some fleeting sunny breaks between. Snow falling to all levels with significant drifting likely in the gale to severe gale force winds.

Maximum wind: North or northwest 35-45mph gusting 60-70mph, easing a little through evening.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 40%

Visibility: Snow showers will bring blizzards to all levels leading visibility to fall to almost zero at times with a risk of disorientation. Low cloud will accompany showers, often down to 100-300m.

Temperature: **Glens:** Minus 1 to minus 3C, rising to around zero through the day, perhaps 2 or 3C near coasts.
At 800m: Minus 7.
Freezing level: At all levels.

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